

REMARKS

Turning first to a formal matter, enclosed is a formal English translation of Japanese Laid-Open Application No. Hei. 11(1999)-260320, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 21, 2004. A declaration attesting to the truthfulness and accuracy of the translation is also enclosed.

Entry of the foregoing amendment and passage to allowance are respectfully requested.

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